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Saturday Night during The Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival

Black Eyed Peas' Musical Director Printz Board on Aruba with Candy Dulfer



Dulfer (L) and Board pose

ORANJESTAD -- Saturday night on the second night of the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival at Cas di Cultura Plaza sax player Candy Dulfer will be one of the main performers for the evening. Late Wednesday the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival organizers received a great news that it is confirmed that famous producer Printz Board will be on stage together with Candy Dulfer.

Printz Board is one of the producers and musical director of the famous pop group The Black Eyed Peas. Re-

cently Printz was responsible for producing Candy Dulfer's new album titled "Crazy". Out of the twelve tracks on this album Board produced a total of 7. The new album has just been released a few days ago.

The collaboration of Candys sax and the music of Printz Board have created a unique sound. Printz will be performing alongside Candy Dulfer.

This is a great opportunity specially for the youth of Aruba to attend and see this musical genius.

The festival starts tonight

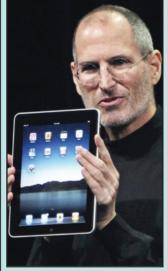
and continues on Saturday Night. Doors open at 6 pm.

Tonight organizers have lined up: Angie Stone, Eddie Palmieri, Tango Extremo and the local bands.

On Saturday night Candy Dulfer feat Printz Board, Raul Midon & Richard Bona, Cosy Cotton and the local bands will perform.

Tickets are available at Plaza Bookshop, Cliffix, Superfood, Moomba Beach, Cas di Cultura and CD's & More.

World mourns passing of Apple visionary Jobs



Millions of people paid emotional tribute to the late Steve Jobs, praising the Apple founder's vision and creative genius which has left behind a world transformed by his legacy. Jobs passed away Wednesday at the age of 56 after a long battle with cancer. (see story on pg 9)

The fight is over, the 2012 Carnival Route remains unchanged!



For a number of months, the route of the 2012 Carnival has been in dispute by different groups and organizers.

The government recently decided that it was time that there be an end to the dispute and that a decision be taken as to what would be the route for next year's Carnival parade.

During Wednesday's press conference Minister Otmar Oduber along with Jossy Figaroa who represents the Carnival Route Commission, Papito Comencia of the Police Force and Tecla Gibbs, President of the SAC, a detailed explanation regarding the route was given.

The Minister reported that in the Council of Ministers they decided to convene the Carnival Commission for a meeting for the purpose of coming to a concrete decision on this matter.

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Social Formation Law approved by Parliament and signed by Prime Minister



One of the government's concerns when they took office two years ago, was how to help young who are courting the wrong path and running the risk of getting involved in criminality. This is one of the negative developments that, obviously, will affect young people and their families.

With a vision to bring about a solution to this situation, the Prime Minister began working on a law that would give young people in such marginal situations a second chance in their lives.

The government consulted many people on this matter, and according to them, they encountered many obstacles. But, they succeeded in convincing many and surpassed the barriers.

Holland offered to help and the local Dutch Marines Outfit here promised their support. To the satisfaction of the Prime Minister, on Tuesday the Aruba Parliament unanimously voted to approve the law in a duly called meeting for this purpose. And, on Wednesday past Eman affixed his signature to the Social Formation Law. According to the government, this is another commitment with which they have complied.



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Oduber indicated that he was pleased that during a harmonious and friendly meeting, after presenting the various propositions from the different organizations, they were able to reach a consensus. The decision taken was.... The 2012 Carnival route will be the existing route, hence, the route remains unchanged!

The Minister explained that one of the reasons for proposing a change in the route was due to the construction work taking place on the L.G.Smith Blvd related to the Linear Park, Also

because of the road changes and security concerns.

Jossy Figaroa indicated that he route will remain the same with some minor modifications. For example, they will not permit trailers to be placed on the L.G.Smith Blvd as is the custom every year. Instead, the government will install tents on L.G.Smith Blvd.

Those interested in obtaining a plot with a tent will have to register for this. Those who get a tent will be able to utilize that space with family and friends. It will not

be allowed to add anything to the tent or space.

The police will enforce the rules very strictly.

On the Vondellaan people will be permitted to place their trailers. Figaroa indicated that this 2012 route is specifically for 2012, but that there is no guarantee that this route will remain the same route for future years.

He said, that if everything goes well this year there might be no reason to change the route. They also intend on installing stands for the public





Caribbean Chambers of Commerce and Industry uniting forces

The need for good cooperation and for the exploring of mutual benefits gave rise to the birth of a unified association for the Caribbean region.

Last Friday the announcement was made of the birth of "The Association of Dutch Caribbean Chambers of Commerce & Industry."

Members of the new association are Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten, Saba, and St. Eustatius. Each island will choose a representative to become a part of the board of the new association.

The Chambers of Commerce of Aruba and the Dutch Antilles have always had a good relationship with each other and worked to-



gether on various fronts, among others on the maintenance of the registry of their members.

Some time ago the discussions began on creating a formal and structural cooperation

between the six islands in the Dutch Caribbean. After 10-10-10, the situation for all the islands, with the exception of Aruba, changed and there was no more legal basis for cooperation. It was due to the

new situation that the Aruba Chamber of Commerce decided to continue working on the idea of forming an association to maintain the cooperation. The new situation ushered in six individual islands some with direct ties to Holland, each with their own jurisdiction. Yet, it is important to continue working together, particularly on issues related to the Dutch Kingdom and the European Union.

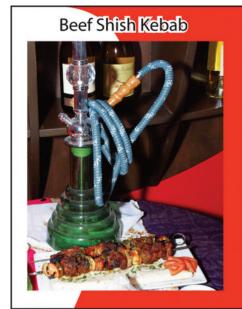
The cooperation such as through The Association of Dutch Caribbean Chambers of Commerce & Industry can, for example, make special petition for participation in and for the reception of funds from the European

Union. The new association will represent all 5 Chambers of Commerce and could submit a joint petition for such a concern.

The exchange of information and of developments in each country and how this could benefit commerce and to do business in general in each country is an important factor to members of the new association.

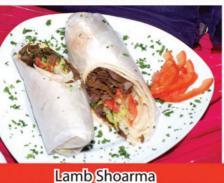
During last week's Business Dinner Meeting of the Aruba Chamber of Commerce while each representative of the 5 islands were in Aruba the formal charter of the new association was signed at the office of the notary.





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Renowned Venezuelan designer Giovanni Scutaro will show his Spring/Summer collection 2012 in ARUBA IN STYLE





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Yellow, magenta, blue and orange shades, as well as his salute to print, swirl together in explosions of evanescent pure silks, tulles and gauzes that seem to float on the skin amidst the elaborate gauze pleats and asymmetric draping that sculpt the body enveloped in a tunic dress.

The SCUTARO woman's mille-feuille gauze suits reveal spectacular sculpted draping decorated with lace applications to match.

Undoubtedly, brides are the Venezuelan- Italian designer's delirium, and his proposal for the awaited collection of wed-

ding dresses includes a "must" of cascading or curled, foamlike large or tiny flounces in spiral organza bands that be-

stow volume and movement to the skirt and body.

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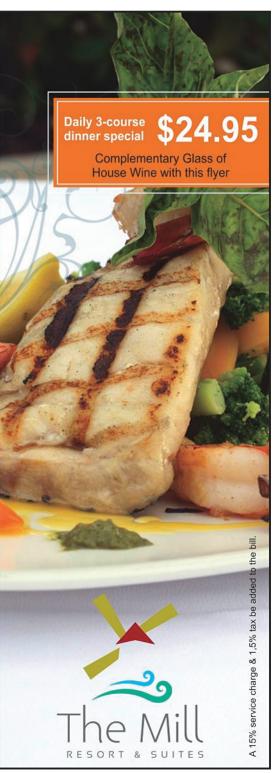
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Indian Ocean tsunami alert system to be tested on Oct 12

PARIS (AFP) - Nearly two dozen countries next Wednesday will take part in a full-scale test of the Indian Ocean's tsunami alert system, using the 2004 Sumatra quake as the basis for the exercise, UNESCO said this week.

Exercise IOWAVE 11 will re-enact the seismic events of December 26, 2004, simulating a 9.2-magnitude quake that occurs northwest of Sumatra, sending waves across the Indian Ocean that strike the coast of South Africa 12 hours later.

It will be a trial run for newly-launched Regional Tsunami Service Providers (RTSPs), located in Australia, India and Indonesia, which will issue simulated "alerts."

They are part of a regionwide tsunami warning and mitigation service, set up by 28 countries after the 2004 disaster, which claimed nearly a quarter of a million lives

Until now, two bodies -- the Japan Meteorological Agency and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre -- have been in charge of tsunami alerts in the Indian Ocean.

They will end this interim job at the end of 2012, provided the handover goes well.

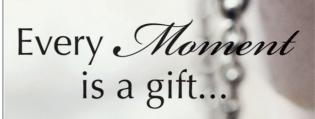
"The exercise aims to evaluate the system's operational capacity, the efficiency of communications among the different actors and the state of preparation of national emergency services," the UN's Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) said in a press release here.

"The test will also include the evacuation of coastal communities in several countries, notably India and Malaysia."

So far, 23 countries have signed up for the October 12 test.

They are: Australia, Bangladesh, Comoros, East Timor, France (La Reunion), India, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, and Yemen

The Indian Ocean system was devised by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), a UN-ESCO body.











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Bates from NetcongNJ and Mrs. Shirley Buck from Youngstown OHIO. The certificates werepresented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority togetherwith Mrs. Avril from the activities department of the Divi Phoenix.

US Supreme Court to weigh copyright law

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Supreme Court has said it will review a copyright law that removes famed foreign works -- everything from Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" to Picasso's "Guernica" -- from the public domain.

The government told the court on Wednesday that the 1994 law is necessary to bring the United States in line with global intellectual property conventions, while the plaintiffs say it is an infringement on their right to free speech

Chief plaintiff Lawrence Golan, an orchestra conductor at the University of Denver, said his students cannot play "Peter and the Wolf" without paying royalties. The plaintiffs include musicians, professors and film distributors.

"The burden on speech that this statute imposes is re-

markable," said Anthony Falzone, a lawyer for the plaintiffs, claiming it extended copyrights to millions of works that had been in the public domain for decades.

Their argument has won support from Internet titan Google as well as the American Civil Liberties Union.

But Justice Department attorney Donald Verrilli said the law was necessary in order to insure that US property rights are respected in foreign countries.

"We are now trying to make a transition into full participation in an international system... which has required an adjustment of our rules," he said.

He added that the move to bring the country in line with international rules was "of vital importance to protecting one of our most valuable economic exports, intellectual property."

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International News

Afghanistan marks 10 years since war started

KABUL (AFP) - Afghanistan marks 10 years since the start of the US-led war against the Taliban Friday amid heightened security and questions over what the next decade will hold.

Security is being stepped up in the capital Kabul after a string of major attacks including the assassination of peace envoy Burhanuddin Rabbani, which has thrown government strategy for talking peace with the Taliban into turmoil.

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On the frontlines, it is likely to be business as usual for the 140,000 international troops in Afghanistan, of whom 100,000 are from the United States, as they continue the fight against a brutal, Taliban-led insurgency.

For many Afghans, the anniversary will be a time for reflection on what the war has meant for their country and how the withdrawal of all foreign combat troops by the end of 2014 will affect them in future.

"Since the Americans and their allies came Afghanistan, our security has deteriorated and they have also been involved in the killings of innocent Afghan civilians," street vendor Khan Agha, 30, said.

A senior Afghan government official speaking on condition of anonymity to AFP said security would be stepped up for the anniver-

"There will be more security, more checks. Police will be on high alert. But it's not going to be extraordinarily big measures -- there will be some preparations like more security and more checks."

Around 200 Afghans called for the withdrawal of foreign troops and shouted anti-American slogans at a protest in Kabul Thursday ahead of the anniversary.

They shouted "Death to America and its Afghan puppets" and torched an American flag at the end of their peaceful march through the city centre, an AFP reporter at the scene said.

The war was launched to oust the Taliban for harbouring Osama bin Laden, leader of Al-Qaeda which was behind the September 11, 2001 attacks in the US, and destroy Al-Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan.

Philippe becomes a hurricane, no threat to land

MIAMI (AFP) - Philippe became the fifth hurricane of the Atlantic season on Thursday, but US weather forecasters said the category one storm posed no threat to land.

At 1500 GMT, Philippe -packing maximum sustained winds of 80 miles (130 kilometers) per hour -- was located about 425 miles (680 kilometers) southeast of Bermuda, the Miami-based US National Hurricane Center said.

"Philippe becomes a hurricane... but remains no threat to land," the NHC said. "Some weakening is forecast during

the next 48 hours."

Forecasters added there were no storm watches or warnings in effect.

Philippe is expected to continue moving towards the northeast "at a faster forward speed" over the next two days.

Philippe is the 16th named storm of the 2011 Atlantic season, which has seen four other hurricanes so far, including Irene, a massive system that unleashed deadly floods and storm surges in the eastern United States.

The Atlantic hurricane season ends on November 30, according to the NHC.

World will rally around 2011 Peace Prize pick: **Nobel chief**



Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland

OSLO AFP) - The 2011 Nobel Peace Prize will be seen as a unifying choice and will be less controversial than last year's award, the head of the prize committee said Thursday, a day before the announcement.

"I think (this year's prize) will be well-received all over the world," Nobel Committee chief Thorbjoern Jagland told Norwegian public broadcaster NRK late Thursday.

Today the committee will announce a Peace Prize that is "very powerful... but at the same time very unifying," he said, adding though that the pick "is not without conflict."

At the same time, he stressed, the prize would "not create as strong reactions from a single country as it did last year," when the choice of jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo outraged Beijing.

Nobel observers have long speculated that the Arab Spring uprising, which brought the overthrow of autocratic regimes in Tunisia,

Egypt and Libya and rattled those in Syria, Yemen and Bahrain, will colour this year's prize, with cyber activists from North Africa seen as the front-runners.

Jagland, however, played down that option Thursday, pointing out that "there are many other positive developments in the world that we have looked at.'

"I think it is a little strange that researchers and others have not seen them," he said, without providing any more

The list of candidates -this year a record 241 names long -- is always a closelykept secret, each year resulting in frenzied speculation up until the last moment.

Other names that have been circulating are Sima Samar, an Afghan doctor and women's rights activist, and Russian activist Svetlana Gannushkina and her human rights group Memorial.

The European Union, currently in full crisis mode due to the spiralling debt problems in the eurozone, has meanwhile been increasingly mentioned as a possible winner for its role in keeping the peace in most of Europe for more than half a century.

Although Norway is not a member of the EU, Jagland is an outspoken supporter of the bloc.





International News

New clashes in Chile after students break off talks



SANTIAGO (AFP) - Fresh clashes broke out Thursday in the Chilean capital a day after student leaders broke off talks with the government over education reforms in the latest development in a five-month protest movement.

At least eight people were hurt, including six police officers, as security forces used tear gas and water cannons to break up an unauthorized demonstration of several thousand students.

Some 28 people were arrested, many of them minors, for "public disorder, destruction of property and assault on police," said Santiago municipal official Cecilia Perez.

City officials had authorized a demonstration, the 37th since the start of the movement, but it was for a route on the western end of the capital, and protesters decided to take a different route.

Each side blamed the other for the latest incidents.

Santiago Mayor Pablo Zalaquett said the student demonstrators "are going too far" after five months of demonstrations. talks on Wednesday, accusing the government of failing to do enough to maintain funding to guarantee free, public education.

The student groups want

Student leaders broke off

The student groups want free public education through university-level studies. At the moment, only about 40 percent of students qualify for free education based on parents' income.

Classes have been on hold in many schools and universities during the long-running demonstrations, which routinely draw tens of thousands of students into the streets, representing the largest protest movement in Chile since General Augusto Pinochet's military dictatorship ended in 1990.

Top foe praises Obama on 'war on terrorism'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama has done a good job in battling Islamist extremism, accomplishing more than predecessor George W. Bush in Pakistan's tribal areas, Republican House Speaker John Boehner said Thursday.

"I think so far the president's done just fine," Boehner, one of Obama's most fierce critics, said one day before Republican White House hopeful Mitt Romney was expected to

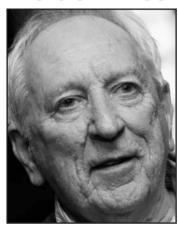
attack current US foreign policy in a speech.

"I think that when you look at the prosecution of the war effort against the enemy in the tribal areas, there's clearly more been done under President Obama than it was under President Bush, in terms of a more aggressive effort focused at them," Boehner said at a Washington conference.

The speaker had been asked whether Obama -- on whose watch the United States has killed Al-Qaeda mastermind Osama bin Laden and radical US-born Islamic cleric Anwar al-Awlaqi, a top figure in Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula -- had proven to be more effective than Bush.

Romney, who announced his top diplomatic and national security advisers on Thursday, was to follow up Friday with a speech laying out his foreign policy vision and was expected to assail Obama's approach...

Swedish poet Tomas Transtroemer wins Nobel Literature Prize



STOCKHOLM (AFP) - Swedish poet Tomas Transtroemer, whose simple but mystical imagery addresses themes of nature, history and death, won the 2011 Nobel Literature Prize on Thursday.

Transtroemer, 80, was honoured "because, through his condensed, translucent images, he gives us fresh access to reality," the Swedish Academy's jury said.

His poetry is filled with imagination and emotion, but is also riddled with the unexpected, making his work at times both disorienting and refreshing.

Scandinavia's most famous living poet, Transtroemer has been called a master of mysticism who often presents a dream-like consciousness in which time slows to allow for dissection of the relationship between the inner self and the surrounding world.

"Most of Transtroemer's poetry collections are charac-

terised by economy, concreteness and poignant metaphors. In his latest collections... Transtroemer has shifted towards an even smaller format and a higher degree of concentration," the jury added.

Transtroemer suffered a stroke in 1990 which left his speech slurred.

At a press conference Thursday, a smiling Transtroemer said receiving the accolade felt "very good." His wife, Monica, answered the other questions for him.

An amateur pianist, he plays the piano every day with his undamaged left hand and spends his mornings listening to classical music.

He was listening to music when Thursday's call came from the Swedish Academy.

The Academy's permanent secretary, Peter Englund, told Swedish television that Transtroemer had been nominated for the prize every year since 1993.

His work is "about death and history and memory, watching us, creating us, and that makes us important because human beings are sort of the prison where all these great entities meet," Englund told the nobelprize.org website.

Transtroemer's reputation in the English-speaking world owes much to his friendship with American poet Robert Bly, who has translated much of his work into English, one of 60 languages in which his poems have appeared.





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Now on Aruba! Pilates, the key to a balanced body



The Pilates Club & Spa Aruba, N.V., d.b.a. PILATES PLUS is now offering the island of Aruba a unique exercise studio where all participants can experience Pilates under the guidance of certified instructors. The classes will include the Reformer, the EXOChair and Mat classes that use many of the equipment stated previously. There will be two types of classes offered; open and private.

The open classes will be given at specific times Monday through Saturday and can accommodate up to 20 attendees

The private classes are set up at the convenience of the participant and the instructor throughout the day and can accommodate up to 3 participants. The fee for the private classes will be greater than the open classes. The participants pay per class, per 5 classes or per 10 classes.

The Pilates Club & Spa Aruba, N.V. is drawing its participants from the local market, the tourism sector, the medical area and the sports/dance sector.

What is Pilates?

Pilates is a physical fitness system developed in the early 20th century by Joseph Pilates. He called his method"Contrology" because he believed his method uses the mind to control the muscles. The program focuses on the core postural muscles which help keep the body balanced and which are essential to providing support for the spine. In particular, Pilates exercises teach awareness of breath and alignment of the spine, and aim to strengthen the deep torso muscles.

Joseph Pilates claimed that his system is not merely a collection of exercises, but a method developed and refined over more than 85 years of use andobservation. The Pilates method oftraining involves principles that attempt to create a fusion of mind andbody. These principles are:

1.Alignment – correct posturalalignment of the skeletal

structure is crucial to the practice of Pilates, notonly to get the best out of the exercise, but to prevent injury

2.Breathing – Joseph Pilates believed in circulating the blood so that is could awaken all the cells in the body and-carry away wastes related to fatigue. For blood to do its work properly, he maintained, it has to be charged with oxygen and purged of waste gases through proper breathing.

3. Centering – Pilates called the very large group of muscles in the center of the body – encompassing the abdomen, lower back, hips and buttocks – the "powerhouse". All energy for Pilates exercises is said to begin from the "powerhouse" and flow outward to the extremities. He felt that it was important to build astrong "powerhouse" (core) in order to rely on it in everyday life.

4.Concentration – The Pilates system demands intense focus. Beginners are instructed to pay careful attention to their bodies, building very small, delicate fundamental movements and controlled breathing.

5.Control – Joseph Pilates built his method on the idea ofmuscle control. To him, that meant nosloppy, uncontrolled movements

6.Precision – The focus in Pilates is on doing one precise and perfect movement, rather that many not so perfectones. The goal is for this precision to become second nature and carry over into everyday life as grace and economy of movement.

7.Flow – Movement is expected to be kept continuous-between exercises through the use of appropriate transitions. Once precision has been achieved, the exercises are intended to flow within and into each other to build strength and stamina.

8.Flexibility – by taking the jointsthrough their full range of motion, pilates enhances flexibility.

The Pilates system uses many different props and pieces of equipment. The most common piece of apparatus is the Reformer, which makes use of springs to provide resistance. Another piece of equipment is the WundaChair.

The original Pilates repertoire was 34 exercises done on the floor on a padded mat. With the implementation of the Magic Circle, foam roller, stability ball, resistance band, small or medium size balls, and BOSU in the workout, the original 34 exercises have increased their effectiveness.

The Pilates Club & Spa Aruba, N.V. fulfills a niche that is missing on the island – a place of peace and relaxation where a person can strengthen, lengthen, align and stretch their bodies.

For more information or to set up a reservation please call Christine O'Connell at 5820687 - Cell: 7378670.



Sci-Tech

World mourns passing of Apple visionary Jobs

(AFP) -- Millions of people paid emotional tribute yesterday to the late Steve Jobs, praising the Apple founder's vision and creative genius which has left behind a world transformed by his legacy.

The towering pioneer -not only as the inventor of iPods, iPhones and iPads but also in personal computers and online music, animated films and marketing -- died Wednesday at the age of 56 after a long battle with cancer.

"Steve's brilliance, passion and energy were the source of countless innovations that enrich and improve all of our lives. The world is immeasurably better because of Steve," Apple's board of directors said.

Tributes flowed in from world leaders and tech giants, while Apple fans flooded social networking sites to voice their sorrow at the passing of the man who helped put phone-sized computers in millions of pockets.

Perhaps the most poignant tribute to Apple's co-founder was that word of his death spread almost instantly to all corners of the earth on the very devices he had invented.

Social media sites sagged under the weight of Jobs-related posts, with the chatter so immense it caused Twitter to seize up and led analysts to predict the breaking of traffic records.

Web users in China, where diehard fans queue for days to get their hands on Apple's latest products, posted nearly 35 million online tributes.

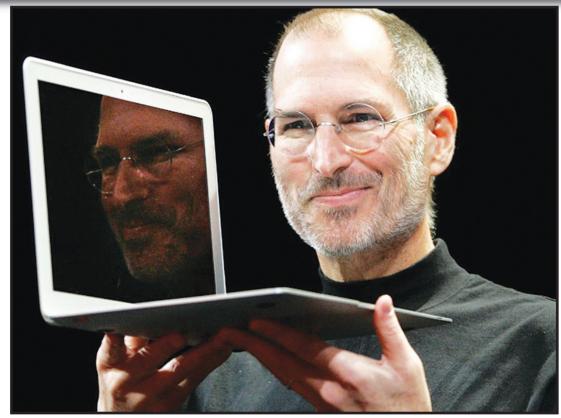
Jobs was just 21 when he founded Apple Computer in 1976 with his 26-year-old friend Steve Wozniak in his family garage.

From such humble beginnings the company grew into one of the world's most valuable firms, posting second quarter profits of \$731 billion in July on revenue of \$28.57 billion despite the worldwide economic turmoil.

Wozniak said the two men had had little idea what a revolution they were spawning all those decades ago.

"We felt it was unbelievably important, but we never could have envisioned it would grow to what it is today, that it would be such an important part of everyone's life in so many ways," he told CNN late Wednesday.

In recognition of the transformative change wrought by Jobs and his innovations,



tributes were also being left at Apple stores around the world

In Hong Kong, emotional fans laid a sunflower and a white rose at the door of the city's new Apple Store, which opened less than two weeks ago in an upmarket mall overlooking the harbor.

US President Barack Obama said Jobs had "transformed our lives, redefined industries, entire achieved one of the rarest feats in human history: he changed the way each of us sees the world."

Microsoft boss Bill Gates and other titans of the hightech industry, some of whom had competed with Jobs for decades, agreed.

"The world rarely sees someone who has had the profound impact Steve has had, the effects of which will be felt for many generations to come," Gates said in a statement.

The two men were rivals in the race to dominate the market at the start of the personal computer era.

But while PCs powered by Microsoft software ruled work places, Jobs envisioned people-friendly machines with mouse controllers and icons to click on to activate programs or open files.

Huge questions now hang over the future of Apple, with the spotlight on Tim Cook who was made chief executive of the Cupertino, California-based company in August after Jobs's resignation.

Just a day before Jobs died, Cook had presided over the launch of the new iPhone 4S in a move that failed to dazzle investors. And on opening Thursday, Apple's shares fell 0.36 percent to \$376.88.

Born on February 24, 1955 in San Francisco to a single mother and adopted by a couple in nearby Mountain View at barely a week old, Jobs grew up among the orchards that would one day become the technology hub

known as Silicon Valley. Under Jobs, Apple introduced its first computers and then the Macintosh, which became wildly popular in the

He was elevated to idol status by ranks of Macintosh computer devotees, but left Apple in 1985 after an internal power struggle and started NeXT Computer company, specializing in so-phisticated workstations for businesses.

He then co-founded Pixar animated studios in 1986 from a former computer graphics unit he bought from movie industry titan George Lucas. The studio has since produced acclaimed films like "Toy Story.'

Apple's luster faded after Jobs left the company, but they reconciled in 1996 with Apple buying NeXT for \$429 million and Jobs ascending once again to the Apple throne.

Apple went from strength to strength as Jobs revamped the Macintosh line, launching a "post-PC era" in which personal computers give way to smart mobile gadgets -- the iPod, iPhone and iPad, as well as the popular iTunes website.



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Finance

Obama: Europe must act fast on debt



WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama warned Thursday Europe must "act fast" on a debt crisis threatening the fragile US recovery and accused China of gaming the global currency and trading systems.

In a White House news conference, Obama also said Republicans must pass his \$447 billion dollar jobs bill as insurance against a double dip recession and warned Pakistan was hedging its bets by maintaining ties with extremists.

Sharpening economic frustration over the stagnant US recovery and the jobless crisis dominated the 75-minute session, against a backdrop of Obama's plunging approval ratings ahead of his 2012 reelection bid.

He warned that a potential European debt meltdown

needed to be averted by swift action from the continent's leaders.

"They have got to act fast," Obama said.

"We have got a G20 meeting coming up in November. My strong hope is that by the time of that G20 meeting, that they have a very clear concrete plan of action that is sufficient to the task."

The president argued that the eurozone crisis made it even more important for Congress to pass his jobs plan, which he said would give a "jolt" to the sickly economy at a time of dangerous external threats.

"This jobs bill will help guard against another downturn if the situation in Europe gets any worse," Obama said in his first formal news conference since unveiling the plan last month.

Earlier, Vice President Joe Biden warned of the risk of "international contagion" if Europe did not forestall its crisis soon, but acknowledged the continent's leaders faced "wrenching" political choices.

Obama also waded into the debate about China's currency policies, though stopped short of endorsing a Senate bill to punish Beijing, citing concern

that it could conflict with US obligations to the World Trade Organization.

"China has been very aggressive in gaming the trading system to its advantage and to the disadvantage of other countries, particularly the United States," Obama said.

"And currency manipulation is one example of it, or at least intervening in the currency markets in ways that have led their currency to be valued lower than the market would normally dictate," Obama said.

Surveying the current dire economic conditions clouding his hopes of winning a second term next year, Obama said anti-Wall Street protests gathering in New York and other US cities were a symptom of the public mood.

His comments followed a furor over a plan by Bank of America to introduce a \$5 monthly charge on customers who use debit cards after seeing other fees outlawed under Obama's financial regulation law. The president, who has adopted a populist stance and called out senior Republican foes by name after the public lost confidence in his economic management, implored lawmakers to pass his jobs bill.

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Nissan to pump \$1.5 bn into its first Brazil factory



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Nissan will invest \$1.5 billion in a new factory in Brazil expected to produce 200,000 cars per year as the Japanese automaker looks to triple its market share here, chief executive Carlos Ghosn said Thursday.

The factory, to be constructed in the town of Resende, will be "one of the most modern Nissan plants in the world," said Ghosn, flanked by the governor of Rio de Janeiro state where the new facility is to be based.

"We'll invest 2.6 billion reais (about \$1.5 billion, or 1.1 billion euros), creating up to 2,000 direct jobs and a minimum of 2,000 indirect jobs,"

he said. "The Brazilian market, which is the world's fourth largest, warrants this investment."

Ghosn, who heads Nissan's joint venture with France's Renault, added that the factory is to be "a platform for the consolidation of our activity in Brazil," where Renault too is ramping up its efforts to dramatically boost its share of the large and lucrative auto market here.

Cars are due to begin rolling off the new factory's assembly line in the first quarter of 2014, Ghosn said.

Nissan to date has no manufacturing facility of its own in South America's largest economy, producing vehicles at the Renault factory in the southern Brazilian state of Parana.

Figures released Thursday by manufacturing association Anfavea show Brazil's vehicle production slumped by 19.7 percent in September compared to August, while sales also fell.

Dutch parliament approves revamped euro rescue fund

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch MPs Thursday approved new powers for the 440-billioneuro (\$590 billion dollars) euro rescue fund, making it the 15th eurozone country to do so.

"The bill has been approved," parliamentary chairwoman Gerdi Verbeet said of the beefed-up European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), which still has to be approved by Malta, and more

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problematically, by Slovakia where opposition is very strong.

Approval by all 17 eurozone nations is needed for the changes to come into effect, giving the EFSF what many hope and believe will be crucial role in taming a eurozone debt crisis threatening the economy and the banking system.

Lawmakers voted 96 members in favour in the 150-seat Lower House.

With an effective lending capacity of 440 billion euros, around 25 billion euros of

which are guaranteed by the Dutch, the deal will allow the EFSF to lend money to countries before they get into real difficulty so as to prevent the debt crisis spreading.

The EFSF, which will be replaced in 2013 by the more permanent European Stability Mechanism (ESM), may also then buy sovereign bonds of struggling eurozone states on the secondary market and provide countries with money to recapitalise their banks hard-hit by debt writedowns.

Malta is expected to vote on the issue on Monday and Slovakia on Tuesday.



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Bra-tops, pastels and pleats: the Paris fashion glossary



Australian model Miranda Kerr presents a creation by fashion designer Bill Gaytten for John Galliano.

PARIS (AFP) - From bra tops and citrus fruits to lace masks or slinky, long sleeves, here is a glossary of trends spotted at the Paris ready-to-wear shows for spring-summer 2012, which wrapped up Wednesday: *BRA-TOPS:* In ladylike pastels at Chanel, body-sculpting black at Roland Mouret, or in an orange-and-blue check covering the shoulders at Rochas' 1960s inspired show, bras were out in the open as tops in their own right.

BRODERIE ANGLAISE: The delicate style of embroidery, with little eyelets edged in a buttonhole stitch, was a keynote at Louis Vuitton, but also popped up in daisy patterns at Giambattista Valli and Nina Ricci, while Valentino's sleek macrame dresses achieved a similar, innocent feel.

COLLARS: Demure, buttoned-

up collars turned neo-romantic at Valentino, sweetly old-fashioned at Louis Vuitton and delicate at Sonia Rykiel, while Yohji Yamamoto and Moon Young Hee added flounces and there were ornate swirling ruffs at the neck from Haider Ackermann.

LACE: Valentino's neo-romantic belles were adorned in lace from head to toe, but there were also cascades of lace gowns at Christian Dior and John Galliano and edgy lace masks at Alexander McQueen. METAL: Paco Rabanne's return to the catwalks was the cue for a display of metal, a staple of its founder, with sheriff's buckle belts at Yves Saint Laurent, gold embroidery at Balmain, metallic lace dresses at Valentino, and at Haider Ackermann, golden slip-ons and a fluid all-silver dress. At Paco Rabanne itself, new designer Manish Arora used python plates to create metallic-looking body armour.

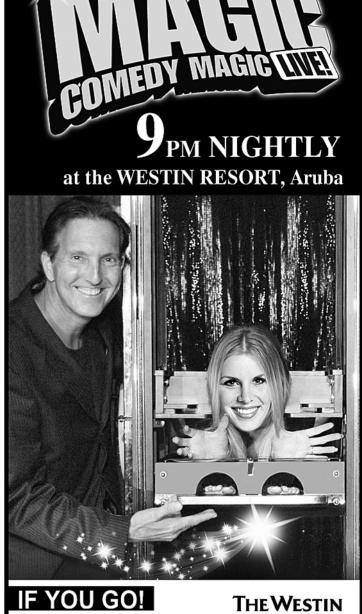
PASTELS: Louis Vuitton and Chanel built their entire looks for next spring on pastels, also a strong presence at Christian Dior, John Galliano, Rochas and Felipe Oliveira Baptista. PLEATS: Ubiquitous this season with pleated silks every.

son, with pleated silks everywhere, pleated leather at Celine, full-length pleats with a coloured stripe on the crest at Chloe, tiny, tight pleats at Alexander McQueen, and a sheer, pleated moss-green dress at Lanvin.

SHORTS: Mini-shorts -- a strong trend last year -- cropped up again in smooth ivory at Louis Vuitton, in leather and suede at Balmain, and in bold pink lace at Valentino, growing into fluid bermuda pants at Dries Van Noten or Guy Laroche.

SLEEVES: Long, long, long -slinking down over the hand Christian Dior or Stella Mc-Cartney, while Yves Saint Laurent showed flower-like cuffs that opened like petals around the hand.

WEIGHTLESSNESS: Lightness was a key watchword as Karl Lagerfeld created a floating, aquatic underworld at Chanel using ultra-light fabrics, Felipe Oliveira Baptista and Issey Miyake created billowing parachute capes, and the models at Dries Van Noten or Sonia Rykiel floated past in light-as-air dresses.



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Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and fami-lies, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and minimall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up and drop-off;

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The Aruban Chef: Get the family feeling



Edward Platter and Aruban Chef Platter meats and seafood

Jose Franken and his sons, Charles, Jonathan and Edward confess they are very gratified by the public's response to their cozy and stylish restaurant in Tanki Leendert, The Aruban Chef, which opened not so long ago.



fresh made lemonade

'We just wanted to share our love of authentic Aruban food with our friends, neighbors and tourists, and we are overwhelmed by the enthusiastic response," recalls Jose. "This was something very new for us, but we wanted to remind people of their roots, and a big part of that is our native cuisine," adds Jonathan, "it was so encouraging to see how happy everyone was to see us open our doors." After one year, they have garnered a loyal following among islanders and visitors who crave a true taste of Aruba, particularly taking advantage of their great lunch specials, Tuesday through Friday, where every seat in the restaurant is filled. The restauant serves lunch and dinner from 11 AM to 11 PM six days a week; closed on Mondays.

Charles is the chef of the family, always experimenting with favorite island dishes; Jose and his brothers his critical test subjects, letting him know if he is successful, or not. 'His stoba is unique and one of his trademarks; the funchi with

cheese is also a favorite and the Keshi Yena, everyone loves those dishes, and our combo platters." The list of ample mixed entrees featuring various meats or seafood, demonstrates that the eatery is all about family and are named for Jose, his sons and other relatives. Each provides a very nice mix of traditional Aruban cooking; we recommend the seafood platter of Balchi Piska, Kerri-Kerri and Coconut-Curry Shrimp, accompanied by favorite island side dishes. Their full menu can be viewewww.arubanshef.com. Conveniently located 10 minutes from most resorts on the principal road in Tanki Leendert, one can call 587-9300 for reservations and directions.

The Aruban Chef offers a be sure to order a carafe of reasonably priced alternative for those wishing to sample the finer side of authentic local cuisine. The renovated former cunucu style house sports a charming décor, with original work by local artists on display as the family tries to immerse patrons in all aspects of island culture: visual, audio and gustatory, along with the hospitality that is Aruba's trademark. Be sure to order their fresh made, ice cold lemonade-the real deal served up in a sweating carafe and for once, a sufficient portion that perfectly complements those island spices.

"The Aruban Chef was something new for all of us," comments Jose and sons, "but working together as a family is great; it has brought us closer together. What we are doing here we are doing with love, and we try to convey that to all our customers. We are very proud of what we have accomplished so far, and when people come to eat here, it is like they are guests in our home, and we always like to treat all our guests like royalty."

Sport

White Sox tap Ventura as manager



CHICAGO (AFP) - The Chicago White Sox are turning to former All-Star third baseman Robin Ventura to replace Ozzie Guillen as manager, the Major League Baseball club said Thursday.

Ventura, a longtime star with the White Sox, was hired by the club in June as a special adviser to director of player development Buddy Bell.

The team said he agreed to a multi-year deal on Thursday that will make him the 38th manager in White Sox history and the 17th who once played for the team.

Guillen was released from his contract with one year remaining after eight seasons and immediately was hired to manage the Florida Marlins.

Ventura's selection was something of a surprise after

Probe underway into 'cash for medals' allegations

LAUSANNE, (AFP) - An investigation into lurid allegations that multi-million dollar bribes were paid to ensure Azerbaijan boxers won gold medals at the 2012 Olympics got under way on Thursday.

The International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA)'s special investigation committee met for the first time to begin its probe into allegations made by the BBC's Newsnight programme that \$9 million was involved.

The claims, which emerged as the world championships got underway in the Azerbaijan capital of Baku, have been denied by AIBA officials.

"The committee has started the process of gathering in all documentation and interviewing the parties that are relevant to the investigation," said an AIBA statement.

"The BBC has informed the committee that, although they are willing to assist with the investigation, they will not identify any confidential sources. The BBC has yet to provide the committee with any documentation or evidence."

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widespread speculation that the top candidates included Tampa Bay Rays coach Dave Martinez or Cleveland Indians bench coach Sandy Alomar jnr. Both are also former White Sox players.

"I wanted someone who met very specific criteria centered around his leadership abilities," White Sox general manager Ken Williams said.

"Robin Ventura was that man. His baseball knowledge and expertise, his professionalism, his familiarity with the White Sox and Chicago and his outstanding character make him absolutely the right person to lead our clubhouse and this organization into the seasons ahead."

Ventura was a first-round draft pick of the White Sox in 1988 and spent his first 10 seasons with the club.

A stylish fielder and reliable clutch hitter with left-handed power, Ventura also played for the New York Mets, New York Yankees and Los Angeles Dodgers in a 16-year playing career.

He was six-time Gold Glove winner and an All-Star in 1992 and 2002.



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Rejuvenated Kaka says football is a joy again



MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid's Brazilian international Kaka, who seems to have put an injury-plagued two years behind him, said Thursday that playing football is once again a joy for him.

Kaka joined Real from AC Milan at the end of the 2008-09 season for around 65 million euros but a series of injuries stopped him from displaying the form that helped him win the World Player of the Year award in 2007

The 29-year-old appears to be back on track this season, scoring the second goal in Real's 3-0 Champions League win over Ajax last month and set-up French international Karim Benzema for the third.

"I am enjoying football again. During all this time that I was sideliend, injured, when things were not working out, the passsion for the game did not go away but it fell asleep a bit," he said during an interview with Real's TV station.

"Everything on the pitch seemed difficult for me and so football no longer was a pleasure. That is not the case now. Now it is a pleasure again, feeling the ball, the pitch."

Kaka said he thought of leaving Real last year to move to another country with a less competitive league but decided to stay after repeatedly being told by coach Jose Mourinho that the team counted on him.

Portugal host Iceland ahead of Denmark decider

LISBON (AFP) - Portugal host Iceland in Porto on Friday looking for a fifth consecutive win in Euro 2012 qualifying before travelling to Denmark for a match that should decide who finishes top of Group H.

There may be a few more bumps along the road to Poland and Ukraine yet for Paulo Bento's side, but the man who replaced the unpopular Carlos Queiroz last year has helped get a supremelytalented squad back on track.

Cristiano Ronaldo has too often struggled to repeat his remarkable club form on the international stage, but the Real Madrid man has revelled in his role as captain under Bento, scoring four times in four qualifiers.

Bento -- a former Portuguese international who was previously in charge of Sporting Lisbon -- began his reign with a 3-1 home win against Denmark 12 months ago, giving them the head-to-head advantage against their main rivals.

Portugal sit level on 13 points at the top of the section along with the Danes and Norway, although the latter have just one game left to play.

A win against the outsiders from Iceland and a point in Copenhagen on Tuesday will suffice to take the Portuguese to a seventh successive major championship finals.

It must be tempting to start thinking about the Denmark clash already, but Bento is trying his hardest to make sure that the focus for now remains on Friday's game.

"We have spent the week preparing to play Iceland, we are not thinking about the game that comes after that," he said on Thursday.

Bento must however deal with a raft of selection problems for the match at the Estadio do Dragao.

Ricardo Carvalho announced his international retirement last month, shortly after being suspended by the country's federation.

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Khan vows Peterson will not deny him dream fights

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Convention Center.



file photo: Amir Khan, born and raised in Boston, England, but he's a Muslim of Pakistani origin.

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Amir Khan is staking his claim alongside Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather as a pound-for-pound king, but the British boxer knows his lofty dreams could be dashed by US challenger La-

Thursday that while he is proud to be mentioned as a potential future foe for box-

"All my dreams can be taken away. He's a dangerous fighter," Khan said. "That fight is in the future. It would mont Peterson. Khan made it clear on be a little bit stupid to look past this fight. It's not going to be easy. It's going to be an explosive fight."

Khan is in the mix as a potential next foe for unbeaten Floyd Mayweather if the US star is unable to reach terms with Filipino icon Pacquiao next year for a long-awaited 10 showdown. But Khan is patient about such talk. "It's a bit too soon for

Mayweather," Khan said. "Next year I'm looking at Mayweather. These fights are taking me to that level. If I beat Lamont, it will take me closer to being ready for that fight."

Khan, 26-1 with 18 knockouts, knows the damage a loss can do. He was stopped in the first round by Breidis Prescott in 2008 in a stunning setback before fighting back to become a world champion a year later.

"If I get beat that's going to be over and I want it to last for a long time," Khan said.

Khan also will have a front-row view of Pacquiao preparing for his November 12 bout against Mexico's Juan Manuel Marquez because the Englishman will train in Los Angeles starting Monday under Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach.

"I love watching Manny train. It's an inspiration to me," said Khan, who said he might have helped "Pac-Man" with some timing and quickness in camps.

"I think I'm faster than Manny Pacquiao but I'm not as strong," Khan said. "I'm one of the quickest fighters in the world. I think that's what he might have picked up, some quickness."

Khan said he will move to welterweight (147 pounds) unless he can reach terms with unbeaten US rival champion Tim Bradley.

The reason I'm moving to 147 isn't that it's too hard to make fights. I can't get opponents," Khan said. "I'll have a lot of people (at welterweight). Î'll get fights because they will say, 'He's moving up. He's learning."

Peterson, 29-1-1 with 15 knockouts, hopes to claim the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association titles by winning in his hometown.

"It's a dream come true for me." Peterson said.

Peterson says he feels Khan's praise of him is heartfelt and not a mere con job for a champion looking ahead.

"I believe him. But I could n't blame him for looking ahead," Peterson said. "We all have the same goals, the same dreams. I would be looking at fights with Mayweather and Pacquiao too. People can say what they want.

"What we do on December 10 will determine what our future is."

NBA: Stern warning sounded for season on the brink

NEW YORK (AFP) - NBA players and club owners face hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue and risk alienating loyal supporters as the lockout approaches its 100th day and a Monday deadline to save season openers.

Team owners and players have not been able to agree on how to divide \$3.8 billion in annual revenues and on salary cap issues, the gap so wide it could jeopardize the entire 2011-2012 campaign.

NBA commissioner David Stern said when he completed the cancelling of all 114 preseason games that if no deal is made by Monday, what would be Day 102 of the lockout, the NBA would wipe out the first two weeks of its schedule.

"We would like not to lose the first two weeks but it doesn't look good," Stern said.

"When you start losing regular-season games on top of losses in the exhibition season, you have two parties that have been financially wounded."

Stern predicted wiping out the pre-season games would cost \$200 million and NBA deputy commissioner Adam Silver said lost weeks of the season would bring much greater losses much faster.

"They are in the hundreds of millions of dollars," Silver said. "We're not prepared to share the specifics. But we've

spent a lot of time with our teams walking through those scenarios of lost games and the damage will be enor-

Billy Hunter, executive director of the NBA Players Association, said the players would lose \$350 million for each month of the season they miss.

But with NBA superstars Kobe Bryant, Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce providing a backdrop, Hunter said the players were set to accept lost games in order to avoid having the owners impose a salary cap and what would be massive pay cuts.

"Maybe a month. Two months. Your guess is as good as mine," Hunter said when asked when he thought talks might resume on a deal to replace the one that expired July 1, touching off the lockout by owners.

"Our guys have indicated a willingness to lose games and when they stand up behind us here, that's what they're saying. If they didn't feel that way, we would have done something different."

Talks broke off when players were unwilling to accept a 50-50 split of basketball-related revenues, a substantial drop from the 57 percent they enjoyed under the prior contract.









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Cardinals, Diamondbacks stay alive



David Freese #23 of the St. Louis Cardinals rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run in the sixth inning

ST. LOUIS (AFP) - David Freese drove in four runs with a homer and a double on Wednesday as St Louis beat Philadelphia 5-3 to stay alive in the first round of the Major League Baseball playoffs.

With the victory the upstart Cardinals knotted their best-of-five National League series with the Phillies at two games apiece.

homer game in the Diamondbacks' postseason history to extend the series.

Arizona joined the 1977 Dodgers as the only teams to hit grand slams in consecutive playoff games.

Cardinals pitcher Edwin Jackson settled down after some rough early going and pitched six solid innings in his first post-season start.



Roy Halladay #34 of the Philadelphia Phillies

The Arizona Diamondbacks also forced a game five, downing Milwaukee 10-6 to level their National League series at two games each.

Arizona's Ryan Roberts hit a grand slam and Chris Young had the first twoRelief pitcher Jason Motte worked a perfect ninth for his second save of the series.

Jackson gave up a triple, a double and a single in the first inning but the Cardinals escaped the frame having surrendered just two runs.

Lance Berkman then dou-

bled in a run in the bottom of the first to narrow the gap to 2-1.

St. Louis seized the lead in the fourth after Phillies starter Roy Oswalt walked Berkman to open the inning then hit Matt Holliday to send him to first.

With one out, Freese's double scored both to give St Louis a 3-2 lead. Two innings later Freese added a towering two-run homer to put the Cardinals up 5-2.

"This is what you worked for," said Freese, who was a high school stand-out in St. Louis and was acquired by the Cardinals after the 2007 season.

"Just to do this in front of the fans of St Louis and a bunch of friends and family, it's amazing."

The Phillies pulled back one run in the eighth, but couldn't get any closer.

The deciding fifth game will be in Philadelphia today when the Phillies will send game one winner Roy Halladay to the mound against Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter.

"They're good friends and old teammates, and Carp was really chomping at the bit for this opportunity to pitch against Roy on full rest in a huge game five," said St. Louis outfielder Matt Holliday.

day.

"It should be quite a battle and then it'll be fun to watch two great competitors go head to head and two great teams get after it."

Berkman made it clear the Cardinals -- who seized the National League wild card berth on the final day of the regular season with the aid of a stunning September collapse by Atlanta -- believe they can upset National League East division champions Philadelphia.

"We're not looking at this like we're just happy to be here and it's David and Goliath," Berkman said.

MLB playoff schedule

American League

DETROIT V NEW YORK YANKEES

NY Yankees 9, Detroit 3 (NY leads 1-0)
Detroit 5, NY Yankees 3 (Tied 1-1)
Detroit 5, NY Yankees 4 (Detroit lead 2-1)
New York Yankees 10, Detroit 1 (Tied 2-2)
October 6: Detroit at New York Yankees

TAMPA BAY V TEXAS

Tampa Bay 9, Texas 0 (Rays lead 1-0) Texas 8, Tampa Bay 6 Tied 1-1) Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3 (Rangers lead 2-1) Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3 (Rangers lead 3-1) October 6: Tampa Bay at Texas

National League

ST. LOUIS V PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia 11, St. Louis 6 (Phillies lead 1-0) St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 4 (Tied 1-1) Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2 (Phillies lead 2-1) St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 3 (Tied 2-2) October 7: St. Louis at Philadelphia

ARIZONA V MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee 4, Arizona 1 (Brewers lead 1-0) Milwaukee 9, Arizona 4 (Brewers lead 2-0) Arizona 8, Milwaukee 1 (Brewers lead 2-1) Arizona 10, Milwaukee 6 (Tied 2-2) October 7: Arizona at Milwaukee



EGG DISHES

*2 eggs sunny side up with ham & cheese

*Scrambled

with ham, cheese, onions, green pepper, tomato, mushroom

*Plain omelettes

with ham, cheese, onion, green pepper, tomato, mushroom

All egg dishes are served with a choice of : white or whole wheat baguette or sliced toasted bread.

*PASTECHI HORNA *CRÊPES *SWEET CRÊPES

*BAGEL with cream cheese, smoked salmon, boiled egg

*Pan grandi (di rama)
or baguette
*KERRIE-KERRIE (FISH)

*CONCH *FISH EGG

*SHRIMPS *FISH FILLET

*FISH CAKE
*CHICKEN SOUP

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